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## UBATC hosts regional skills USA VICA Competition

The Uintah Basin Applied Technology Center hosted a Regional Skills USA VICA Competition in the area of Automotive Technology on Feb. 23. "J" Hardman, UBATC Automotive instructor, said, "This is the first time ever for the Uintah Basin to have hosted this Regional competition, and it's also the first time for the new millennium. Our participation wasn't as large in numbers as we would have liked, but next year we hope to have students from all schools in our region, including Price." Students were invited from schools in the entire Basin; however, Duchesne High and Union High were the only ones represented, with a total of 21 students competing.

The competition consisted of both written and "hands on" tests. The written portion was first with only the top eight from it being able to continue on to the "hands on" section. At the end of the day, winners were announced and medals and prizes handed out. Overall winners in written and "hands on" testing were Larry Duncan, 1<sup>st</sup> Union High; Andy Betts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Union High; and Shawn Taylor, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Duchesne High. Brandon Weatherston, Union, was the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the written area. Duncan now qualifies to go to the State Skills USA VICA Competition being held April 13 at Salt Lake Community College.

Along with the Skills Competition, the UBATC also hosted a community car show and a car for students to smash and bash. "J" expresses thanks to all of the community who participated in the car show, and who donated time and prizes. Every competitor received at least one prize. Tool sets, car care kits, hats, T-shirts, jackets, creepers, tools, drop lights, and medals were donated by Showalter Ford, Mac Tools, US Design & Trophies, Checker Auto, Parts Plus, and CarQuest.

Personnel support who donated their time to make this year's event happen were Stan Martineau (Showalter Ford), Guy Taylor (GT Enterprises, Duchesne), Mark Thacker (Thacker Repair), Robert Pullin (Rod's Mini Lube), Steve Collins (L&L Motor), Ralph Duncan (Dan's Tire), Bobby Drake (Neola Elementary), and Chuck Hague (UBATC).

Anyone interested in opening a retail store at that location should contact Hancock at the Roosevelt city building.

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VICA COMPETITION—Students from Duchesne and Union high schools competed in the Regional Skills USA VICA Competition to test their skills in the area of automotive technology. The event was hosted by the Uintah Basin Applied Technology Center.

## Uintah mining claim could contain unusual resource

Uintah Mountain Copper Company, a fully registered publicly held Utah Corporation, is presently working on an operation in the mineral-rich Uintah Mountains of Utah on 30 lode claims that contain possible one of the highest grade and most unique natural red iron oxide pigment deposits in the United States. The project is founded on environmentally sound ore removal, reclamation and refining principles, with a commitment to no tailings and zero-waste production methods. The company has been developing these claims and marketing its unique ore in the high value specialty natural pigments market.

At this time, Uintah Mountain Cooper Company is pleased to announce that it has signed an engineering service agreement with the Denver, Colorado office of Jacobs Engineering/ MinCorp to perform pigment plant design and feasibility study engineering services for its Sunshine Quartz/Hematite Project. Jacobs Engineering/ MinCorp, a division of Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., has extensive experience with mining projects and construction management. Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., provides engineering, design and consulting services, construction and construction management services, and process plant services.

Uintah Mountain Copper Company is also excited to announce that a preliminary agreement has been reached with the State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration on a 2-acre pigment plant site to be located south of Price, Utah at its new industrial park development. The Price plant site was selected by the company after evaluation of a number of existing locations in the region. The new indus-

trial park site provides Uintah with a modern facility, excellent access to transportation and utilities and ample space for long-term growth.

Uintah Mountain Copper Company is listed on the NASDAQ OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol UTM. Its latest quarterly and annual financial statements are available at the corporate offices and on the Securities and Exchange Commission EDGAR data base. Additional information can be found on the company's website: [www.uintahred.com](http://www.uintahred.com).

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